

TEST OF AUTHENTICITY

Titus 1:5, 10-end

5 times in this letter, Paul mentions "D_____ what is _____".

Titus 1:16 -- "They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him. They are detestable, disobedient and _____ for doing anything good."

"knowing God" = an intimate, "C_____" relationship with God; mutual F_____.

Conclusion #1: An Authentic Christian is:

F_____ TO DO WHAT IS GOOD

The biblical word means something that is "_____"; "approved of".

"adokimos" = worthless; d_____; rejected.

"Knowing God" must flow into _____.

"We know that we have come to _____ Him if we keep his commands." (1 John 2:3)

If we claim to _____ God but we hate our brother or sister, we're lying. (1 John 2:9)

"No one who continues to sin has either seen him or _____ him." (1 John 3:6)

"Whoever does not love does not _____ God." (1 JOHN 4:8)

You can do good things without _____, but you can't say you _____ and NOT do good things.

Titus 2:11-14

Conclusion #2: An Authentic Christian is:

E_____ TO DO WHAT IS GOOD

This naturally flows from the "G_____" of God.

God saved us in order to "purify for Himself a people that are _____ _____." (vs. 14)

Eager = "zealous" = "E_____".

Titus 3:1-5a

Conclusion #3: An Authentic Christian is:

R_____ TO DO WHAT IS GOOD

"whatever is good"...

- Not S_____
- Being P_____ -able
- Being C_____ (peace-MAKING)

Titus 3:4 "But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done -- but because of _____."

Titus 3:8 "This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have _____ in God may be careful to **D**_____ themselves to doing what is good."

Conclusion #4: An Authentic Christian is:

D_____ TO DO WHAT IS GOOD

This speaks of C_____, borne out of love.

THE PROGRESSION:

- 1 -- we become "_____" to do what is good -- because we truly KNOW God.
- 2 -- we become "_____" to do what is good -- because we know how God's grace has changed our lives.
- 3 -- we become "_____" to do whatever is good -- because God's kindness, love, and mercy has made us more kind, loving, and merciful.
- 4 -- we become "_____" to do what is good -- because we trust in the faithfulness of God.

Titus 3:14 "Our people must _____ to devote themselves to doing what is good..."

A final point....

According to the Bible, being labeled a Christian isn't about what you _____; it's more about what you _____.